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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION - FRANCOIS ROSSI

REF: STATE 143600; PARIS 20226

1. JULY 26 CONGEN CONTACTED JUDGE OF SPECIAL DRUG COURT MADRID WHICH CONSIDERING LOCAL TRAFFICKING CHARGES AGAINST ROSSI. JUDGE STATED ABSOLUTELY UNABLE DROP CHARGES; CASE MUST RUN ITS COURSE. ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT WISHES COOPERATE AND BELIEVES WILL BE IN POSITION MAKE DECISION BY MID-SEPTEMBER. CONGEN HAS ADVANCE APPOINTMENT WITH JUDGE ON SEPT 7. JUDGE STATED THAT THUS FAR EVIDENCE AGAINST ROSSI NOT STRONG AND UNLESS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE DEVELOPED WILL POSSIBLY BE ACQUITTED.

2. CONGEN ALSO CONTACTED SPANISH MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY JUSTICE AND INFORMED BOTH OF FRENCH POSITION OUTLINED IN PARIS TELEGRAM 20226. MFA SPOKESMAN SAID DECISION AS TO WHICH COUNTRY ROSSI WILL BE DELIVERED RESTS WITH JUSTICE. JUSTICE SPOKESMAN NOT WILLING PREDICT ULTIMATE DECISION. SAID CAUTIOUSLY

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THAT "GOVERNMENT" WOULD HAVE TO MAKE DECISION. PROMISED

MAKE KNOWN TO ALL CONCERNED OUR DESIRE FOR FIRST CLAIM
AND VALID REASONS THEREFORE. UNABLE PREDICT WHEN
DECISION WILL BE MADE ON FRENCH REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION
BUT THINKS POSSIBLE WHOLE CASE MAY BE DECIDED BY EARLY
OCTOBER.

3. EMBASSY NOW BELIEVES WE HAVE BETTER THAN 50-50
CHANCE HAVING ROSSI DELIVERED TO US. PRETJTS
MID-OCTOBER AS POSSIBLE DATE FINAL CONCLUSION CASE.
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